



## By the Maior.



To all Constables that nowv are, and  
for the yeare ensuing shalbe within the Citie of  
*London, and the liberties thereof,*  
and to euery of them.



Whereas the Kinges most excellent Maiesty graciously taking care and prouiding for the preservation and safety of this his kingdome, and of his louing subjects thereof from all danger and perill that may happen and ensue vnto any of them by the lewd and bad actions of Rogues, Vagabondes, idle and dissolute persons, which at this present do swarme and abound more frequently then in late times they haue done: hath by the aduice of his Honourable Priuy Councell, for the vniuersall good of the whole Realm, by open Proclamation, commaunded all Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Bayliffes, Hedboroughes, Constables, and other officers whatsoeuer, to whom it appertaineth to see the statute against Rogues, Vagabondes, idle and dissolute persons, made in the Parliament, holden at Westmister, in the xxxix. yeare of his late dearest sisters Raigne, and all partes and branches thereof to be duely and exactly executed, as euery of the said Iustices and officers will auoid his Maiesties high displeasure, and answere the contrary at their perils. And whereas a great part of the execution of the said statute is to be done and perfozmed within this Citie, and the liberties thereof, by you the Constables of the said Citie, vpon diuers paines and penalties in the said statute limited and contained, which said penalties, if by your negligence & remissenes they should be iustly imposed vpon you, would be very heauy for you to beare, and for that both my selfe and my ~~successors~~ ~~the~~ ~~our~~ Brethren the Aldermen (carefully tending your welfare) do rather wish and desire your willing and ready execution of the foresaid statute, then the inflicting of the paines and penalties therein imposed vpon you for your remissenes or neglect thereof. Yet inasmuch as his Maiesties commandement (according to our bounden duties must be carefully fulfilled, being for the vniuersall good of his whole kingdome, and of his people, and your negligence if any such shall happen to be, in not executing the said Law, according to his Highnes said commandement, be severely punished, I haue (by the aduice of my said Brethren the Aldermen) thought good herewith to send you a Printed Copie of the foresaid statute, to the entent that thereby you may the better execute the same, and not hereafter plead ignorance, when you shall be iustly breged to pay any penaltie imposed vpon you, by the said statute, for your remissenes and negligence in the execution thereof. These are therefore in the Kinges Maiesties name, straightly to charge and commaund you and euery of you, that from henceforth you and euery of you, doe without any partialitie or slacknes, exactly, duellie, and diligentlie execute the foresaid statute in al thinges according to the true meaning thereof, and of his Maiesties foresaid Proclamation, as you will auoide the penalties therein contained, and answere the contrarie at your perils, assuring your selues, that if any of you make default therein, the offender shall be iustly compelled to pay the whole penalties, by the statute imposed vpon him without partiality or mitigation of any part thereof, you shall also at the ending of your office, eether by death, expiration of time, or otherwise cause to be deliuered to the Constable that shal succeed you in the same office, this precept, and the foresaid printed Copie, to the end he may in like sort the better execute the said statute, vpon paine of like punishment as aforesaid. Given at the Guild hall this ~~xxx. of September, 1603.~~ second of November 1603

### God saue the King

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